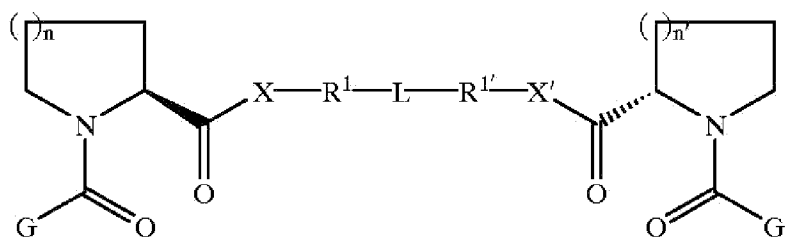


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 37 of the specification, please replace the second full paragraph, which starts at line 4, with the following:

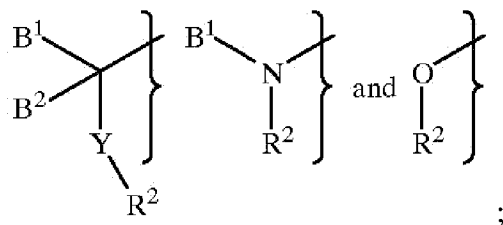
As AP1510 is a completely synthetic molecule, it readily supports modification and optimization for a given application. A variety of other synthetic dimerizing agents are disclosed in WO 96/06097 and WO 97/31898 for binding to FKBP-related domains, such as:



wherein X and X' can be O, NH, or CH₂;

L is a covalently linker moiety;

wherein G and G' are independently selected from the group comprised of



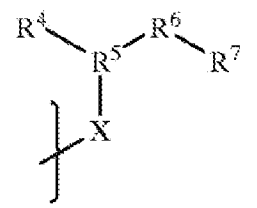
B¹ and B² are each independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkynyl, heteroalkyl, heteroalkenyl, heteroalkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkynyl, aryl, substituted aryl, or heteroaryl moieties;

Y is O, S, NH, -NH(C=O)-, NH(C=O)-O-, NH(SO₂)-, NR₃, or a covalent bond;

R¹, R^{1'}, and R² are the same or different and are each independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkynyl, heteroalkyl, heteroalkenyl, heteroalkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, aryl, or heteroaryl moieties;

n and n' are each independently 1 or 2;

wherein at least one of X-R¹ and X'-R^{1'} is independently a moiety;



wherein R⁴ is hydrogen; branched, unbranched, cyclic, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic; branched, unbranched or cyclic heteroaliphatic; aryl or heteroaryl;

R⁵ is a branched, unbranched or cyclic, aliphatic moiety of 1 to 8 carbon atoms;

R⁶ is a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, heteroaliphatic, heterocyclic, aryl or heteroaryl moiety; and

R⁷ is hydrogen or a reactive functional group permitting covalent attachment to a linker moiety.